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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Physical Therapists
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FROM: Peggy L. Bartels, Director *PLB for*
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SUBJECT: Wisconsin Medicaid Provider Handbook, Part P, Division II

Enclosed is the first issue of the Wisconsin Medicaid provider handbook, Part P, Division II, for physical therapy services.

The Wisconsin Physical Therapy Association's Medicaid subcommittee was instrumental in the development of this handbook.

This handbook:

- Compiles in one place the current policies and information from earlier Medicaid provider publications (bulletins, updates and handbook).
- Clarifies Wisconsin Medicaid's existing policies, requirements and limitations for prior authorization and spell of illness; provider certification types for physical therapy; coverage and reimbursement of school-based services (SBS), and the impact of this benefit on non-school Medicaid physical therapists; and communication with other Medicaid providers (including SBS and others).

You will find this handbook helpful in submitting and amending your prior authorization requests, getting your claims paid quickly and efficiently, and in resolving any billing problems you encounter. Please keep the most recent update regarding HCPCS and CPT procedure codes until you receive handbook replacement pages. We will communicate future policy changes through Wisconsin Medicaid Updates and handbook replacement pages.

We appreciate your interest in providing services to Medicaid recipients. Thank you for becoming a Medicaid provider.

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